

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph as the second paragraph following the heading "Summary" on page 2:

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method for transmitting a message to a recipient which is associated with at least one identifier and the identifier is associated with at least one communication device. The method includes receiving a message and a recipient identifier for the message. The recipient identifier is associated with at least one communication device. The method verifies that the recipient identifier is available to the system and verifies that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier by referring to the permission associated with the identifier. The method then transmits the message to at least one communication device associated with the identifier. The method retrieves a maximum message length for a communication device associated with the identifier and determining the message length of the received message. The method compares the message length of the received message to the maximum message length and modifies the transmission of the message when the message length of the received message exceeds the maximum message length, by sending a concatenated message.